Manitoba

Annual Report 2000 - 2001

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Better Systems Initiatives

Includes 10% post-consumer waste

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His Honour
The Honourable Peter M. Liba, C.M.
Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba

May It Please Your Honour:

I have the privilege of presenting, for the information of Your Honour, the Annual Report covering various appropriations voted by the Legislature under the "Enabling Appropriations" and "Other Appropriations" service headings for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

Honourable Greg Selinger
Minister of Finance

2001 International Year of Volunteers

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Preface/Introduction

Enabling Appropriations

Enabling Appropriations is a collection of service headings that provide expenditure authority for programs that are delivered by a number of departments or other government units, where it is desirable to know the total amount allocated to the program, or where the allocation is not known at the time of printing of the estimates. These programs are not inter-related.

Funding voted under the enabling appropriations service headings is administered in two ways. Funding is allocated, as required, from enabling appropriations to departments or other government units responsible for program delivery. Approved expenditures are either charged directly to the appropriation in the delivery unit or in some situations, the departments recover expenditures incurred from an enabling appropriation. Authority to make allocations from enabling appropriations to program appropriations is granted to the Minister of Finance under section 33 of The Financial Administration Act (1997).

Other Appropriations

Other Appropriations is made up of a number of service headings that are not specific to any one department. Delivery departments or other government units are granted authority to either charge approved expenditures directly to the appropriation, or to recover expenditures from the appropriation. Therefore, all expenditures are reflected against the service heading. Again, these programs are not inter-related.

A number of these programs have separate reports or are included in the annual reports of departments that manage the service heading. This report includes only those programs that are not reported elsewhere. The following table identifies all of the programs included in Enabling Appropriations and Other Appropriations and where the annual report for each program can be found.

Enabling Appropriations

Canada-Manitoba Enabling Vote	reports of departments responsible for delivery of the individual agreements
Sustainable Development Innovations Fund	separate report
Justice Initiatives	report of Manitoba Justice
Internal Reform, Workforce Adjustment and General Salary Increases	this report

Other Appropriations

Emergency Expenditures	report of Manitoba Transportation and Government Services
Allowance for Losses and Expenditures Incurred by Crown Corporations and Other Provincial Entities	this report
Better Systems Initiative	this report

Capital Investment

Internal Reform, Workforce Adjustment and General Salary Increases	this report

PART A – OPERATING EXPENDITURE

Enabling Appropriations

Internal Reform, Workforce Adjustment and General Salary Increases

This appropriation provides funding for various internal reform initiatives as well as any workforce adjustment costs which may result from changes in program design. This appropriation also provides for any costs related to general salary increases in government departments where the amount of the increase by department was not known at the time of tabling of the estimates. Normally, expenditure authority is transferred to departments on an as required basis. As a result, actual expenditures are recorded in delivery departments.

In 2000/2001, $19.6 million in authority was transferred to various departments, primarily for unbudgeted salary related requirements, leaving a balance of $5.4 million in expenditure authority in the appropriation.

26-4 Internal Reform and Workforce Adjustment

Actual 2000/2001 $000s	Estimate 2000/2001 $000s	Variance Over (Under) $000s	Expl. No.	Actual 1999/2000 $000s	Variance Over (Under) $000s	Expl. No.
28,101	5,359	22,742	1	19,564	8,537	2

1. The over expenditure reflects establishment of a provision for the province's liability related to ending the water power rental agreement with Manitoba Hydro.

2. In 1999/2000, costs related to the province's loss for the portion of the investment in the Better Systems Initiative (BSI) that was deemed to have no future benefit (recommended in the Deloitte and Touche Report) and the province's commitment in the Community Access Program. These provisions were offset in part by a reduction in the province's liability related to the Y2K project.

Five Year Expenditure Summary

1996/97 $000s	1997/98 $000s	1998/99 $000s	1999/2000 $000s	2000/2001 $000s
12,000	37,000	21,000	19,564	28,101

Other Appropriations

Allowance for Losses and Expenditures Incurred by Crown Corporations and Other Provincial Entities

This appropriation provides funding for losses and expenditures incurred by various Crown corporations, agencies, boards and commissions, and other provincial entities which are not otherwise provided for through a department's estimates of expenditure. 2000/2001 expenditures were as follows:

Manitoba Potash Corporation - The province funds 49% of the corporation's annual operating costs as per a joint venture agreement with Potamine Potash Mining of Canada Inc. 2000/2001 payments totaled $130,000.

Venture Manitoba Tours Ltd. - The province maintains a provision for potential losses related to the operation of Venture Manitoba Tours Ltd., a provincial Crown corporation which operates the Gull Harbour Resort and Conference Centre and the Falcon Lake Golf Course. The provision also recognizes the province's exposure on an outstanding loan guarantee issued by the province for the Gull Harbour Resort. The 2000/2001 cost was $828,300.

27-2 Allowance for Losses and Expenditures Incurred by Crown Corporations and Other Provincial Entities

Actual 2000/2001 $000s	Estimate 2000/2001 $000s	Variance Over (Under) $000s	Expl. No.	Actual 1999/2000 $000s	Variance Over (Under) $000s	Expl. No.
958	775	183	1	236	722	2

1. The increase reflects higher than anticipated operating and capital requirements for Venture Manitoba Tours Ltd. in 2000/2001 at the Gull Harbour Resort and Falcon Lake Golf Course offset by limited activity by Manitoba Potash Corporation in the joint venture with Potamine Potash Mining of Canada Inc.

2. The year-over-year increase primarily results from an increase in the loss provision for Venture Manitoba Tours Ltd. in 2000/2001 due to declining occupancy trends at Gull Harbour Resort.

Five Year Expenditure Summary

1996/97 $000s	1997/98 $000s	1998/99 $000s	1999/2000 $000s	2000/2001 $000
872	109	(129)	236	958

Better Systems Initiatives

This appropriation, established during 2000/01, provided for operating costs associated with the Better Systems Initiative. Costs relate to maintenance fees as well as amortization costs for assets put into use during the fiscal year.

Additional information on the Initiative may be found in the Department of Finance's Annual Report.

27-5* Better Systems Initiatives

Actual 2000/2001 $000s	Estimate 2000/2001 $000s	Variance Over (Under) $000s	Expl. No.	Actual 1999/2000 $000s	Variance Over (Under) $000s	Expl. No.
5,398	5,400	(2)		-	5,398	1

*Appropriations 27-3, Capital Initiatives, and 27-4, Millennium Fund, are non-recurring for 2000/2001.

1. 2000/2001 was the first fiscal year in which the Better Systems Initiative incurred operating costs.

Five Year Expenditure Summary

1996/97 $000s	1997/98 $000s	1998/99 $000s	1999/2000 $000s	2000/2001 $000s
-	-	-	-	5,398

PART B – CAPITAL INVESTMENT

Enabling Appropriations

Internal Reform, Workforce Adjustment and General Salary Increases

This appropriation provided funding for the development costs incurred in 2000/2001 to support the cross-departmental Better Systems Initiative which is intended to create a "single window to government" and involves system development and redevelopment work in several key business areas in government. A funding provision was also made to provide capital investment authority related to tangible capital asset losses not covered by insurance.

B.8 Internal Reform and Workforce Adjustment

Actual 2000/2001 $000s	Estimate 2000/2001 $000s	Variance Over (Under) $000s	Expl. No.	Allocated/ Actual 1999/2000 $000s	Variance Over (Under) $000s	Expl. No.
10,537	17,100	(6,563)	1	11,972	(1,435)	2

1. The under expenditure reflects cash flow requirements, net of recoveries from third parties.

2. The variance relates to funding requirements for projects being developed under the Better Systems Initiative.

Five Year Expenditure Summary

1996/97 $000s	1997/98 $000s	1998/99 $000s	1999/2000 $000s	2000/2001 $000s
-	-	-	11,972 *	10,537

* 1999/2000 represented the first year of the implementation of the accounting policy for tangible capital assets. Prior to 1999/2000, costs for the corporate technology projects, including Better Systems, were funded through the Government Information System Management Organization (GISMO).